



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, May 3, 2007

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley (**ABS**)
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II
Erminia Ramirez

Department Personnel Present

AC Robert Dunlap
DC Ralph Godbee
DC Marshall Lyons
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr. Brian Davis
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Frederick McClure
Lt. Darwin Roche
Sgt. Brian Harris
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass
Sgt. Stephanie Smith
Sgt. Joanna Ali-Johnson
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Investigator (**ABS**)
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Leslie Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS

Media
Trish Cunningham
Ron Scott
Jeffrey Nzoma
James Slaughter
Atty. Grant Ha

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Okdie called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:42 p.m.

Vice-Chairperson Okdie acknowledged the presence of staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, May 3, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, April 26, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF ROMON JOHNSON, BADGE 979, ASSIGNED TO THE WESTERN DISTRICT

On April 27, 2007, Internal Affairs was notified of an allegation of misconduct concerning the arrest of Police Officer Romon Johnson, badge 979, assigned to the Western District. The allegation concerned the following conduct:

On April 26, 2007, at approximately 10:46 p.m., Redford police officers received a police run to 19350 Centralia, Redford Township, Michigan on a "Person with a Weapon." Upon arrival, a black male, later identified as Officer Johnson, was observed exiting the location. Officer Johnson identified himself as a Detroit police officer and advised that he was armed. Officer Johnson stated that he came home to find his ex-wife and another man, (hereinafter the complainant) engaged in sexual intercourse. He then stated that he told the complainant¹ to leave and he pushed him out of the front door. Officer Johnson denied threatening or showing his weapon to either person.

The complainant stated that he was at the location kissing Officer Johnson's ex-wife, when Officer Johnson burst into the location. He stated that Officer Johnson began yelling at him and his ex-wife. Officer Johnson then pulled out a black semi-automatic handgun from under his coat and pointed the gun at the complainant and threatened to kill him. The complainant stated that when Officer Johnson racked a round into the chamber of the handgun, he feared for his life and attempted to get off the couch to run for the back door. However, Officer Johnson grabbed him and pushed him back down on the couch, knocking over a lamp that was on the table next to the couch. The complainant stated that Officer Johnson once again put the weapon against his head and threatened to kill him. He stated that Officer Johnson's ex-wife then stepped between them, at which time he ran out the front door. The complainant stated that he ran to his vehicle, fled the location and called 911, when he got to Seven Mile Road.

According to Officer Johnson's ex-wife, Officer Johnson pushed the complainant down on the couch and threatened him. She would neither deny nor admit that the threats were made with a weapon. Based upon the circumstances at the scene, Officer Johnson was arrested and conveyed to the Redford police station for processing.

¹The identity of the other man, at this time, will be withheld until a criminal or disciplinary hearing.

On this same date, Officer Johnson was charged with one (1) count of Felonious Assault and one (1) count of Felony Firearm by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and was arraigned before the Honorable Judge Karen Chalia, of the 17th District Court. Officer Johnson entered a plea of not guilty and was released on a \$13,000.00 surety bond. A preliminary examination date has not been scheduled.

Based on the above circumstances, it is recommended that Officer Johnson be charged with, but not limited to, the following violation of the Detroit Police Department Rules and Regulations:

CHARGE: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, CONTRARY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS; THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE 2003 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL SERIES 100, DIRECTIVE 102.3 – 7.9, CONDUCT UNPROFESSIONAL, COMMAND 1.

Due to the seriousness of the conduct, I am requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Officer Johnson without pay, effective May 3, 2007.

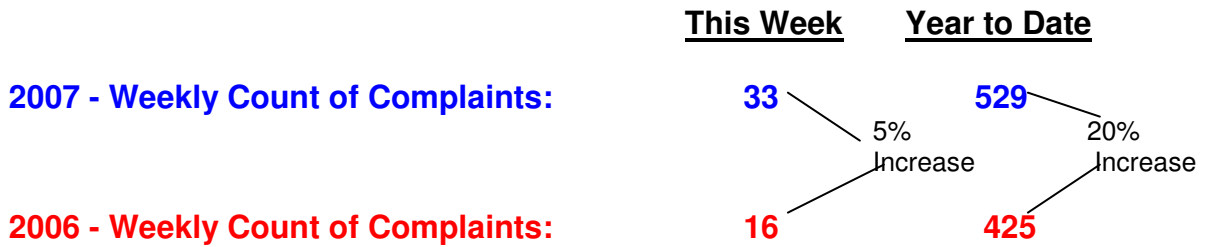
Unless **contravened** by this Board, the suspension without pay shall stand.

Comm. Ramirez asked are there any oral arguments for this suspension.

Atty. Ha stated he spoke to the DPOA attorney and they will not contravene or object to this petition.

There were no contraventions.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **93** cases for the month of March.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **3** cases to the Chief's Office for the month of March.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **2,028** active investigations, of which **529** of those are for 2007.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS

| | |
|------------|----|
| ARREST | 1 |
| DEMEANOR | 16 |
| FORCE | 1 |
| ENTRY | 0 |
| HARASSMENT | 0 |
| PROCEDURE | 17 |
| PROPERTY | 1 |
| SEARCH | 1 |
| SERVICE | 11 |

TOTAL 48

COMMANDS

| | |
|---------------|----|
| UNKNOWN | 13 |
| COMM/OPS | 5 |
| SW. DIST | 1 |
| CENT. DIST | 2 |
| EAST. DIST | 4 |
| WEST. DIST. | 0 |
| NW DIST. | 5 |
| TACTICAL | 0 |
| NARCOTICS | 1 |
| ORG. CRIME | 0 |
| HOMICIDE | 0 |
| TRAFFIC ENFOR | 1 |

TOTAL 33

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of April 23, 2007 through April 29, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 63 search warrants and 24 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- **44 Felony arrests**
 - **122 Misdemeanor arrests**
 - **2 Juveniles detained**
 - **749.20 grams of cocaine, 57.4 grams of heroin and 128,252.10 grams of marijuana with a total street value:**
 - **\$ 916,008.40**
 - **\$ 22,794.00 in U.S. Currency**
- Confiscated:
- **13 Handguns**



Engaging the Community

Domestic Violence

On April 24th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to area of Mt. Elliott and E. Forest on a "Domestic Violence," incident, which resulted in an arrest. **Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the individual was charged with "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," "Felonious Assault," and "Habitual 3rd."**



ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

| Location | Hours of Operation | Telephone |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 2151 E. Jefferson | 24 Hours | 596-6400 |
| 7737 Kercheval | 8 a.m.-8 p.m. | 852-4778 |
| 13206 E. Jefferson | 8 a.m.-8 p.m. | 852-5759 |
| 19810 Grand River | 8 a.m.-8 p.m. | 935-5322 |
| 13530 Lesure | 8 a.m.-8 p.m. | 596-5300 |
| 12000 Livernois | 24 Hours | 237-2555 |

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Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, May 10, 2007
@ 6:30 P.M.

BUSHNELL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
15000 SOUTHFIELD FWY
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48223

HOSTED BY: NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Police / Community Intervention

MAY 3, 2007



Southwestern District

On April 27th, officers of the Southwestern District conducted a traffic stop in the area of Junction and Plummer. As a result of their investigation, all occupants were arrested and charged with "Armed Robbery," "Carjacking," "Assault with Intent to Commit Armed Robbery," "Armed Robbery," and one individual was charged with "Felony Firearm."

Central District

Officers of the Central District responded to the 2000 block of John R on a "Breaking & Entering" in progress. Upon officers arrival, they observed two subjects removing copper piping and sheet metal inside a building. Due to the officers quick response, one subject was apprehended. On April 24th, the subject was charged with "Larceny in Building," and "Malicious Destruction of Property/Building."



Northwestern District

On April 24th, officers of the Northwestern District conducted a traffic stop in the 9000 block of Minock. During the investigation, officers confiscated suspected narcotics and a large sum of money. The driver was later arrested and charged with "Violation of Controlled Substance Act."



Homicide

On April 28th, officers assigned to the Southwestern District responded to the area of I-75 and Porter on a "Shooting." As a result of the officers efforts, a subject was arrested. Subsequent to the arrest of the subject, and the investigation conducted by members of Homicide, the subject was later charged with "1st Degree Murder" and "Felony Firearm."



Chief Bully-Cumming stated to the Board that the Detroit Police Department Memorial Service will be held on Friday, May 4, 2007, 9:00 am, at Old St. Mary's Church.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.
Northwestern District
Bushnell Congregational Church
15000 Southfield Road
Detroit, MI 48223

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

R. Scott asked if there was a presentation on the Police Budget before this Board, per the City Charter, and if not, when will there be one.

Comm. Blackwell stated it was discussed to do it after it came back from City Council for a public meeting.

R. Scott asked will it be held at a community meeting.

Comm. Blackwell stated it can be held here or at a community meeting. The community meeting might be a better place to do it.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb